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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: Masahiro KANDA

Serial No.: 10/050,170

Group Art Unit: 2831

Filed: January 18, 2002

Examiner: Chau N. Nguyen *Chau N. Nguyen*  
4/28/03

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7598

For: **WATERPROOF CONNECTOR AND RUBBER STOPPER THEREOF**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 2831**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 11, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 24, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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- \ Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.
  - \ Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A waterproof connector having a waterproof rubber stopper that includes an organic rubber as a major constituent, the rubber stopper disposed between the waterproof connector and a covered cable, wherein the rubber stopper includes a plasticizer soluble mutually with a resin material constituting a covering layer of the covered cable,  
wherein the plasticizer is a di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate or a phthalic acid di-isodecyl.

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